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MARCH CONCERTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LOWELL

LOWELL, MASS. - The University of Lowell College of Music has announced its concert calendar for March 1979. Among the month's highlights are a production of Madam Butterfly, choir performances, and a tuba-piano recital. These regularly scheduled concerts are open to the public and free of charge unless otherwise indicated.

On March 4 the Collegiate Chorale, conducted by Ralph Farris, performs music of Brahms, Dello Joio, and Debussy at 7:00 PM in Durgin Performing Arts Center.

The Concert Choir and Brass Choir take the stage in Durgin on Tuesday, March 6, at 8:00 PM. Dr. Edward Gilday of the College of Music directs the concert choir and Peter Lancto will lead the brass group.

A performance by the campus Wind Orchestra is scheduled for March 7 at 8:00 PM in the recital hall of Durgin. Willis Traphagan of the music faculty will conduct the wind orchestra in a program of works by Brant and Stravinsky.

A combined concert by the University Symphony Band and Studio Orchestra II is planned for March 8 at 8:00 PM in Durgin. Fred Buda will direct the studio orchestra, while J. Alan Whiston will conduct the symphony band performing selections by Persichetti, Creston, Walton, and Bernstein.

On Sunday March 11 a piano recital by faculty member Michael Kramer will be held in the concert hall in Durgin at 7:30 PM.

Pianists Juanita Tsu and Diane Underwood will perform a "Duo Piano" program on March 14, at 8:00 PM in Durgin Performing Arts Center.

A production of Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madam Butterfly" by the campus Opera Workshop and Symphony Orchestra is planned March 24 and 25, with a performance each evening at 8:00 PM in Durgin. Faculty members participating in the show are Ivan Oak, musical director; Kay George Roberts, conductor; and Norman Curtis, staging director. There will be an admission charge for "Madam Butterfly".

The final concert of the Month is a recital March 28 at 8:00 PM by Peter Lancto, playing tuba, and pianist Jacqueline Gourdin.

In addition to the concerts sponsored by the College of Music, the University of Lowell Foundation, Inc. will present several events in March at the University. The Foundation's "University Mornings" series opens March 7 at 10:00 AM with a poetry reading by William Aiken, Robert DeYoung, and James Martin of the University English department, with Paul F. Marion, a local writer. On March 14 at 10:00 AM the Faculty Woodwind Quintet led by Donald Bravo will perform in the morning series. There is a \$3.00 admission for the University Mornings which includes refreshments, and they are held in the recital hall of Durgin.

On March 11 at 3:00 PM the Foundation presents Latvian Kolibri in a free performance of original music and dance of Latvia.

All of the concerts are held at Durgin Performing Arts Center, located at Pawtucket and Wilder Streets, Lowell. For more information contact the College of Music at 452-5000, extension 250.